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A MATTER OF MEMBERSHIP

Here begins the 1917 campaign for new members for the A. L. A. Help must be had in the campaign. This is a call for volunteers addressed by the secretary to every member of the Association.

There ought to be 5,000 members instead of 3,188 as at present. There are enough library workers in the country whose names are not yet in the Handbook. Every librarian and library assistant who receives a salary of not less than \$600 a year ought to invest \$2.00—1/300th part—of it in membership in the National Association which represents the work in which he or she is engaged.

Going to the annual conference is not the chief item that counts and makes membership worth while. If one can go but occasionally that is no reason for not being a member of the A. L. A. The conference should come to the person in the shape of one's own personal copy of the printed Proceedings.

Having one's name in the Handbook is, experience has plainly shown, the chief

tangible reason for being a member. The Handbook is practically a directory of the leading library folk of the United States and Canada and no one who takes his work seriously can afford to have his name omitted from that directory.

But above the tangible benefits is the satisfaction of feeling one's self a part of the great national body which represents the work in which one is engaged. It is a contribution that each owes to his or her profession.

Fellow member, will you help in this campaign?

Think of the increased opportunities for worthy professional work if our membership was raised to 5,000 and our available funds proportionately increased!

Here is a definite way in which you can help:

Show this appeal, this invitation, to as many as possible of your associates who are not members and earnestly urge as their duty and their advantage membership in the A. L. A.

Please send the names of all desiring to join or who are disposed to consider it to the secretary at headquarters and a personal note and application form will be promptly sent. Or the applicant can send without further formality his or her name, address and position in library, together with a check or money order for \$3.00 (\$2.00 for the annual dues for 1917 and \$1.00 for the constitutionally required initiation fee).

CO-OPERATIVE INDEXES

A certain public library has an extensive card index relating to poetry, supplementing Granger; another library has a song index and an index to piano music; another has an index to famous works of art, where they are located, what reproductions can be had, and so forth. There must be a considerable number of such indexes in the large libraries of the country, all of which could be used co-operatively. Most of these libraries would doubtless gladly answer inquiries sent on return postcards, if the information could be found in the index they possess.

A member of the A. L. A. Publishing Board questions if it would not be a good scheme to ask libraries which have special indexes on any subjects, and which would be willing to co-operate in furnishing information contained therein, to send a description of such indexes to the A. L. A. office, so that these indexes may be listed in a little leaflet and sent to the reference librarians of the country.

This seems to the secretary like a very good and practical scheme and he would be more than pleased to receive information from librarians anywhere and everywhere regarding special indexes of this sort. This data would be thrown together in inexpensive form and given wide distribution.

It is unlikely that any one library would be overwhelmed with requests for information, but the occasional aid that might be rendered through such a co-operative use of indexes might in the long run help in very worthy cases.

CHICAGO MIDWINTER MEETINGS

The usual midwinter meetings will be held in Chicago, with headquarters at the Hotel La Salle, where last year's meetings were held. The following rates are offered:

One Person: Room with detached bath, \$1.50 and up per day; room with private bath, \$2.00 and up per day.

Two Persons: Room with detached bath, \$3.00.

Two Connecting Rooms with Bath: Two persons, \$4.50 and \$8.00 per day; four persons, \$7.00 and \$12.00 per day.

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

The Council will hold two sessions, the mornings of Thursday, December 28 and Friday, the 29th. The meetings will be open to all librarians who wish to attend. Three topics will be discussed:

1. Valuation of library books for insurance.
2. Standardization of library service.
3. What more can the Publishing Board do?
4. Sponsorship for knowledge.

The president and program committee desire real discussion of these topics, and the lack of all formality and formal papers. Each member of the Council is urged to contribute to the discussion. Two or three committees will probably also report briefly.

The annual meeting of the League of Library Commissions will meet, with sessions on the afternoons of December 28 and 29. The tentative program is as follows:

First Session

Summer library schools. Training given by library commissions, Clara Baldwin, Minnesota.

Certification of librarians. P. L. Windsor, Urbana, Illinois.

Aims and underlying principles of commission work. H. N. Sanborn, Indiana.

Second Session

State library extension. Miss Mary E. Downey, Utah.